

Memorandum



Date: March 21, 2006

Agenda Item No. 8(R)(1)(A)

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess", written over the printed name of the County Manager.

Subject: Resolution recommending additional consideration for wholesale customers of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department to continue to pay at previous year's rates

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution to allow the wholesale customers of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) to continue to pay at the Previous Rates (see Attachment 1) for the period January through September 2006 and to defer payment of the difference between Previous Rates and Revised Rates for that period until the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007. The deferred payment will be due by September 30, 2007. This provision will facilitate the transition for the cities to the newly recommended wholesale rates.

BACKGROUND

In response to the Board's request, several meetings have been held with representatives of the various municipalities, who are the Department's wholesale customers and whose water and sewer wholesale rates were approved at the final budget public hearing held on September 22, 2005. In addition to the Ordinance amending Ordinance 05-177 that is being considered, the cities have requested that they be allowed to continue to pay at the Previous Rates and defer payment of the difference between the Previous Rates and the Revised Rates until the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

The MDWASD staff has determined that allowing the cities to pay the Previous Rate while billing at the Revised Rate and recording the appropriate receivable is an acceptable business practice during the transition period. This is a companion item to the ordinance amending Ordinance 05-177; approving revised fees and charges for wholesale customers of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department.

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Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 21, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(R)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

- _____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- _____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- _____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- _____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- _____ Budget required
- _____ Statement of fiscal impact required
- _____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- _____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- _____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- _____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT WHOLESAL
CUSTOMERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER
DEPARTMENT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO PAY AT
THE PREVIOUS RATES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2006; DEFERRING PAYMENT
OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE RATES AND
THE RECOMMENDED RATES UNTIL THE END OF
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007; AND REQUIRING
CONSULTATION WITH WHOLESAL CUSTOMERS FOR
THE PURPOSE OF REFINING FUTURE RATE
CALCULATION METHODS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners directed the County Manager to meet with the cities to review the approved wholesale water and sewer rates (the "Approved Rates") that were adopted at the final budget hearing as shown on Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, staff had several meetings with the cities and based on those meetings, revisions to the adopted ordinance are being recommended; and

WHEREAS, the cities have requested additional consideration in the current year to allow them to transition to the recommended Revised Rates as shown on Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the cities have also expressed interest in refining the rate-setting calculation to facilitate forecasting and to mitigate large rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby

approves that the wholesale customers of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department be allowed to continue to pay at the Previous Rates as shown on Attachment 1 for the period January through September 2006 and to defer payment of the difference between Previous Rates and Revised Rates for that period until the end of Fiscal Year 2006-2007. The deferred payment will be due by September 30, 2007, and the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department will work with wholesale customers to refine the annual rate-setting calculation method.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner

, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded

by Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote, the vote

was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman

Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Dorrian D. Rolle

Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Carlos A. Gimenez

Barbara J. Jordan

Natacha Seijas

Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of March, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Angie Ortega

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

WASD Wholesale Rate Changes

	<u>Previous Rates</u> (Oct. 1, 2003-Jan. 2006)	<u>Approved Rates</u>	<u>Revised Rates</u>
<u>Water</u>			
Hialeah/Miami Spr.	.72	1.02	.97
All Other Cities	.85	1.19	1.10
<u>Sewer</u>			
Sewer – Wet Season	1.90	2.18	1.95
Sewer – Dry Season	1.50	1.78	1.52

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